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CORRECTION TO APPELLANTS' BRIEF (MPEP 1205.03)

The Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated March 5 indicated that there was an error in the Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter section. It appears the only error was that the second paragraph should have referred to claim 13, rather than claim 17. The error is corrected below in the manner specified in MPEP 1205.03.

SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The invention of claim 1 is a mail preparation system which includes
(a) a postage charge dispenser (item 10, Fig. 1; page 6, line 4) configured to generate
postage indicia and account for postage charges; (b) a printer (item 37, Fig. 1; page 8,
line 13) operable to print the postage indicia (item 31, Fig. 3) as generated by the
postage charge dispenser on mail items; (c) a display (item 24, Fig. 1; page 7,
penultimate line); (d) a controller (item 18, Fig. 1; page 7, line 12) for driving the
display to display a depiction (item 40, Fig. 3) of a postage indicium to be printed on
a mail item, the depicted postage indicium including a plurality of data items (items
36 - 38, Fig. 2; page 9, lines 10 - 11) modifiable by a user, which data items include
at least one data item related to postage charge, and being operable to provide data
representative of the data items to the postage charge dispenser; (e) a data item
selector (menu 42, Fig. 5; page 11, line 15) operable by the user to select any one of
the data items in the depicted postage indicium and cause the controller to drive the
display to display a plurality of possible item entries for the selected data item; and
(f) an item entry selector (item 26, Fig. 1; page 8, line 1) operable by the user to select
one of the possible item entries for the selected data item and cause the controller to
drive the display to display a modified depiction of the postage indicium including the
selected item entry for the data item.

Claim 13 recites a method of preparing mail items, which includes steps of
(a) displaying a depiction (40, *supra*) of a postage indicium to be printed on a mail
item (30, Fig. 2; page 9, line 1), the depicted postage indicium including a plurality of
data items (36 - 38, *supra)* modifiable by a user, which data items include at least one
data item related to postage charge; (b) selecting one of the data items in the depicted
postage indicium to be modified; (c) displaying a plurality of possible item entries (42,
supra) for the selected data item; (d) selecting one of the possible item entries for the
selected data item; (e) displaying a modified depiction (40, *supra*) of the postage

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indicium including the selected item entry for the data item; (f) generating a postage indicium (31, *supra*) corresponding to the modified depiction of the postage indicium; and (g) printing the postage indicium on a mail item.

Claim 21 recites a system for preparing batches of mail. The system includes (a) a message transmitter (51-52, Fig. 1; page 8, lines 7 - 10) operable to transmit messages relating to batches of mail to a remote data center (53, Fig. 1); (b) a message receiver (51-52, *supra*) for receiving messages from the remote data center as an acknowledgment in reply to each transmitted message; (c) a display (24, *supra*) for displaying message areas corresponding to each transmitted message; and (d) a controller (18, *supra)* for operating the display to display the message areas with a first visual appearance on transmission of the respective messages to the remote data center and a second, different visual appearance on receipt of the respective messages from the remote data center (page 8, lines 5 - 22).

Claim 27 describes a corresponding method, as including steps of
(a) transmitting messages (page 15, lines 18 - 22) relating to batches of mail to a remote data center (53, *supra*);
(b) receiving messages from the remote data center as an acknowledgment in reply to the transmitted messages; and (c) displaying message areas on a display (24, *supra*) corresponding to each transmitted message, the message areas being displayed with a first visual appearance on transmission of the respective messages to the remote data center and a second, different visual appearance on receipt of the respective messages from the remote data center (page 8, lines 5 - 22).

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